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REMARKSFormal MattersAmendments to the Claims:

Claims 31, 32, 39-41, 43, and 44 are cancelled. Claims 30 and 42 are pending.

Claims 30 and 42 stand allowed according to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2000 and the Advisory Action mailed January 25, 2001. Claims 31, 32, 39-41, 43, and 44 were rejected. Applicants cancel the rejected claims for later prosecution in a continuation application and merely to expedite allowance and issuance of claims 30 and 42.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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This response is timely submitted with a transmittal letter and petition for a one-month extension of time. In the unlikely event that these documents are separated from this response or if a one-month extension of time is insufficient to maintain pendency of the application, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to authorize charging our Deposit Account 07-0630 for any fees required or credits due and any extensions of time necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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